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SUBJ: MADRAS STAFFING

REF: STATE 132053

1. WHAT FOLLOWS WAS DEVELOPED JOINTLY WITH MADRAS.  
WE ARE SORRY TODAY THAT THE PROPOSALS CONTAINED IN REFTEL DO NOT  
SATISFY THE POSTS, ATCHLEY'S OR GREENE'S REQUIREMENTS.

2. FIRSTWQ MADRAS WOULD BE LEFT WITHOUT AN EXPERIENCED ECONOMIC/  
COMMERCIAL OFFICER FOR AT LEAST FOUR MONTHS AND THE ECONOMIC/  
COMMERCIAL PROGRAM WOULD INEVITABLY SUFFER. SECOND, THE PROPOSED  
EXTENSION OF TOM GREENE PRESENTS SERIOUS PERSONAL PROBLEMS FOR  
HIM, AND HE PREFERS LEAVE MADRAS ON HOME LEAVE TRANSFER ORDERS  
IN JULY. GREENE IS WILLING TO MOVE HIS CHILDREN FOR A YEAR,  
BUT BELIEVES THAT MOVING THEM TO A NEW SCHOOL AND ENVIRONMENT  
FOR ONLY ONE TERM IS UNDULY DISURPTIVE OF THEIR EDUCATIONAL  
INTERESTS. IN EFFECT, THEY WOULD BE ATTENDING THREE DIFFERENT SCHOOLS  
IN THE COURSE OF 8-9 MONTHS.

IN ADDITION, HIS HOUSE IN WASHINGTON IS NOW VACANT  
IN ANTICIPATION OF HIS OCCUPYING IT SOON. TO LEAVE IT  
VACANT FOR SEVERAL MORE MONTHS WOULD CONSTITUTE A FINANCIAL  
HARDSHIP FOR HIM. THIRD, WITHOUT ANY PREJUDICE TO  
SAMUAL A. KELLER, OF WHOM WE HAVE ONLY THE MOST FAVORABLE  
REPORTS AND WHOM WE WOULD OTHERWISE BE HAPPY TO HAVE ASSIGNED

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TO MADRAS OR ANY OTHER POST IN INDIA, ASSIGNMENT OF A CLASS

6 OFFICER IN THIS POSITION WOULD CREATE A SERIOUS POST MANAGEMENT PROBLEM. THIS WOULD MEAN THAT THE SECOND OFFICER AT THE POST, AND THE ACTING PRINCIPAL OFFICER WHENEVER THE CONSUL GENERAL WAS NOT PRESENT, WOULD BE THE FSO-5 CONSULAR OFFICER. IN THE OPINION OF MADRAS, THE CONSULAR OFFICER HAS NEITHER THE TIME NOR THE INCLINATION TO FOLLOW THE NON-CONSULAR BUSINESS OF THE POST, NOR DOES HE HAVE THE APPROPRIATE GOVERNMENT AND OTHER CONTACTS TO ACT IN HIS ABSENCE. EVEN IF IT WERE POSSIBLE TO REACH DOWN TO MORE A JUNIOR OFFICER TO ACT AS CONSUL IN CHARGE, WE BELIEVE THAT A CLASS SIX OFFICER IS TOO INEXPERIENCED TO RUN THE POST, AT WHICH, FOR EXAMPLE, MUCH MORE SENIOR USIS PERSONNEL ARE ASSIGNED.

3. FOR ALL THESE REASONS, WE STRONGLY URGE THAT THE ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL OFFICER SLOT BE FILLED, AND FILLED PROMPTLY, WITH AN FOS-4. IF ONE CAN BE FOUND AND IF NOT CERTAINLY BY NOTHING LOWER THAN AN EXPERT FSO-5 WITH A GOOD BACKGROUND IN ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL WORK.  
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